

### FIREMEN CARRY PLEA TO CLERGY

Chief Meskill and Lieutenant, Wills Attend Ministerial Meetings

### EXPLAIN HARD LOTS

Cities That Treat Firemen Better Than Philadelphia

The following cities operate their firemen under the two-plateau system. Philadelphia works its men twenty-one out of every twenty-four hours. With few exceptions they pay higher salaries in the equivalent grades of service than Philadelphia. Yet in Philadelphia, underranked and underpaid, the Bureau of Fire is obliged to see cities of the second and third class outstrip it in the conduct and treatment of their fire-fighting force, although in efficiency and bravery the Philadelphia firemen are second to none.

The cause of Philadelphia's firemen for better living conditions and a change in working hours that will give them more time with their families was carried today by the firemen's campaign committee to the ministerial meetings of three denominations. The Methodist Preachers' Association already has placed itself on record in favor of the cause of the firemen. Today Battalion Chief John J. Meskill, chairman of the campaign committee, visited the session of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association, while Lieutenant John R. Wills attended the meeting of the Baptist Ministers' Association.

In response to Meskill's visit, both meetings passed resolutions setting aside next Sunday as "Firemen's Day" and pledging support to the firemen in their fight for better wages and working hours. The Methodist preachers' example in appointing a committee to wait upon Mayor Smith and to urge upon him the reorganization of the Bureau of Fire in such a way as to enable its members to escape the present condition of twenty-one hours' duty daily for five days was endorsed by the Baptist and Presbyterian associations.

TO APPEAL TO GAFFNEY  
It was also decided to make an appeal to Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Council's Finance Committee.

Each clergyman as he entered the meeting room in Westminster Hall, where the Presbyterian ministers assembled, or at the First Baptist Church, meeting place of that denomination, was provided with printed data giving facts concerning the life and duties of a fireman. This material was provided by the campaign committee for the information of the ministers in addressing their congregations in the course of the service next Sunday, either as part of the regular sermon or in the way of general information on the humanitarian side of the campaign.

Printed compendiums showing comparative tables of Philadelphia and other American cities were also distributed by representatives of the committee.

PROPOSES "FIREMEN'S SUNDAY"  
A draft of resolutions addressed to the Mayor and to Chairman Gaffney also was submitted. This resolution embodied the setting aside of December 17 as "Firemen's Sunday."

Many of the ministers expressed their in-

dividual views upon the firemen's condition. Some of them described the actual conditions as they had observed them on personal visits to fire stations in the vicinity of their homes or churches. The revelation that firemen enjoy but a few minutes at home with their families each day was branded an inhuman by some of the speakers, who urged a reorganization of the bureau that would permit a day and night detail, allowing every man at least every second Sunday off duty, instead of every sixth day, as at present.

### ALIENATION PLAINTIFF SAYS CHARGE IS FALSE

Jeffries's Former Trainer Admits Steel Magnate Didn't Invade His Home

### PUTS BLAME ON LAWYER

Attorney and Ex-Wife Made Him Believe Cornell-Guilty, He Tells Detective

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Confession that Colonel John Lambert, multimillionaire steel magnate, is innocent of straying the affections of Mrs. Lillian Cornell, former physical trainer of James J. Jeffries, who sued Lambert for \$200,000 recently.

Cornell's confession was made to private detectives, whom he voluntarily sought out to relieve his burdened conscience. He declared he was drawn into the affair innocently in the presence of attorneys for Colonel Lambert, says that the plan to sue the Colonel was broached to him by Michael A. Kelly, an attorney. His confession implicates Lillian Cornell, his former wife. Cornell says he was first approached in September, two months after Colonel Lambert had been informed that suit against him was contemplated. He says he was told his wife's affections had been alienated by the multimillionaire, and in a rage he agreed to the suit. By a peculiar coincidence the date on which Cornell signed papers agreeing to sue was that on which Lillian Cornell filed her divorce petition in California.

After the suit against Colonel Lambert had been filed, Cornell says, he discovered that he was involved in an affair that might mean prison for him. Cornell went to August Busch, of St. Louis, by whom he is employed as physical trainer, and asked his advice. Busch and Cornell's second wife, a bride of only a few weeks, induced him to make a clean breast of the matter. Cornell, once a middleweight pugilist, once lived in Pasadena, Cal., where Colonel Lambert has a home. It was in the Cornell gymnasium there, the suit alleged, that Mrs. Cornell and Colonel Lambert became acquainted. The petition alleged that as a result Cornell was compelled to give up his business and leave California.

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Chester Woman Was Sending Money to Relatives When Struck by Train

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 11.—In her eagerness to reach a mailbox with a letter containing money to buy Christmas presents for relatives who live up the State, Mrs. Annie Hoan, forty-five years old, was struck by a train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad here and instantly killed. She was employed in the family of John MacAdam, and the accident occurred near her employer's home. Her body lay along the railroad for two hours before taken in charge by the authorities.

### Police Court Chronicle

There's nothing like lying in bed and having your meals served without getting up. At least Fred Metz thinks so. As Fred is usually without funds, he has considerable trouble in following his hobby. The only way he can manage it, in fact, is to get admitted to hospital.

Metz managed to get into several institutions and played the sick man to perfection for a few days. As he was well known in the northern and western parts of the city, he decided to try his little game downtown.

As a cop was turning the corner of Fifth and Tasker streets Fred suddenly collapsed and fell to the sidewalk.

"I guess it's my heart," he gasped, as the policeman lifted him. A physician was passing just as the cop was about to send for the patrol.

When the doctor looked at Metz there was something about him which looked familiar. After helping him to a nearby step the physician recognized Fred as a professional sick man, whom he had attended while attached to a West-Philadelphia hospital.

"This is a grave case," said the doctor to the cop. "This man's heart is affected by his right leg. We'll take him to the hospital and remove the leg immediately, and—"

But this was enough for Fred. He broke away and ran down Dickinson street. This policeman went after Metz and caught him after a short chase.

Metz admitted that he was fond of hospital beds and nice meals when he was brought before Magistrate Baker.

"I guess you're fond of institutions generally," said the Judge.

"You just bet I am," said Fred. "That being the case," added the Magistrate, "I'll let you rest for thirty days at Holmesburg-on-the-DeLaware."

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### ARMED CRAFT SIGHTED IN STEAMSHIP LANE

Rover, Fitted With Torpedo Tubes, North of the Azores, Cruiser Flashes

NEW-YORK, Dec. 11.—A heavily armed steamship, fitted with torpedo tubes, has been sighted about 500 miles north of the Azores, in the middle of the steamship lane, according to a wireless warning flashed to merchant vessels of the Entente Allied by a British or French cruiser lying off Sandy Hook.

The message, which was sent first in English and then repeated in Italian, said: "Sighted 7 a. m. December 4, latitude 45-45 north and longitude 27-57 west, a steamer of about 4000 tons, 250 feet long and 45 feet beam. Vessel well armed and fitted with torpedo tubes. Had one short, broad funnel and two masts. Steamer probably high speed. Take all precautions."

Mrs. Le Duc at Home in Chicago  
CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—There was a pitiful homecoming at the apartment of Joseph C. Le Duc, 5003 Sheridan road, yesterday.

Mrs. Le Duc was brought in on a train from Philadelphia, I fled into a wheel chair and finally into a closed automobile for the final ride home. Le Duc told reporters there was "nothing to say" about the shooting tragedy in which his wife figured.

### PIPES OF ANCIENT VINTAGE ALL RIGHT, BUT NOT IN THIS LITTLE CHURCH

Clouds of Smoke, and Not From the Altar Either, Fill Edifice—Preacher Preaches and Singers Sing, but Smokers Smoke on Until

This clouds of smoke floated lazily over the heads of the congregation of Methodist Baptist colored mission.

The clergyman, the Rev. J. H. Branch, was in the midst of an interesting sermon. Suddenly a series of emphatic coughs resounded in the little edifice—an unassuming structure at 4822 Saybrook avenue.

The sincere worshippers tried to listen, but the coughing soon became unanimous. The smoke clouds became thicker, and those who took surreptitious sniffs detected that it was tobacco laden.

All heads turned toward the rear of the church, and to their horror, saw two white visitors puffing pugacious looking pipes. The pipes were of the veteran species and had evidently had a storm-tossed existence. As for the tobacco, the least said is the best.

Hums of disapproval mingled with the coughs. Still the minister continued preaching. He touched on the retribution which comes to those who do not follow the path of righteousness and declared that even in this enlightened day there were persons who attended church who did not behave with propriety.

There was a shuffling of feet as black looks were cast toward the smokers. Several of the indignant worshippers predicted there would be plenty of smoke and fire when the two visitors were heading for the door.

But the clergyman wanted no disorder. He saw at a glance that diplomacy would be required to save the day.

Suddenly he announced, "We shall sing hymn 345." Then the congregation burst into "Onward, Christian Soldiers." All present sang with a vim which rattled the window panes. This struck a responsive chord with the two smokers. They arose and sang the hymn in ragtime—pausing in the "retards" and for whole notes to take long pulls on their pipes.

But it appears that the smokers were not very conversant with the general theme of the hymn, and, to show sincerity, they switched into something about a girl in the heart of Maryland. Those nearest the two visitors caught enough of the words to know that they were on the wrong track.

Then the smokers discovered that the singing had aroused the ire of the worshippers. They detected ominous looks in their direction and quickly sought the street. Outside, it seems, their courage returned, and when the clergyman left the church they followed him and made remarks which have no place in religious discussions.

The minister was patient until he saw Policeman Holland. When he told the blue-coat what had happened, the cop captured the two men in and brought them to the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue police station.

The prisoners still cling to their pipes.

when brought before Magistrate Branch. They gave their names as Lewis Kelly, of 2328 Isominger street, and Thomas Hoy, of 1219 South Forty-seventh street.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourselves," said the Magistrate, after asking them to extinguish the pipes. "The people of this church were worshipping devoutly and minding their own business when you came in and spoiled the service."

The two prisoners tried to explain, but could offer no excuse for such action.

"Five dollars or five days," said the Magistrate. Kelly and Hoy took the five days—and lighted their pipes on the way to a cell.

Norristown Bigamist Gets 5 Years  
NOTTOWAY, Va., Dec. 11.—Cleveland E. Sammons, formerly of Norristown, Pa., will have to serve five years in the Virginia Penitentiary for bigamy. When confronted by his first wife, formerly Miss E. Labor, of Norristown, whom he married there January 17, 1911, he pleaded guilty and threw himself on the mercy of the court. His second wife was Miss Madeline C. Shanks, of Crews, Va., whom he married March 1, 1916. About a year after his marriage in Norristown, records from Philadelphia showed, he was prosecuted for deserting his wife and child.

Thief Takes Sunday Clothes  
TRENTON, Dec. 11.—The home of George E. Maguire, in Belmont Circle, was left without an occupant for about two hours during a storm. When Mrs. Maguire returned she found that the house had been ransacked by a thief, who discarded his old, rain-soaked garments and donned Mr. Maguire's Sunday clothes. The thief also got considerable jewelry.

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